

# REVISITING THE ANOINTING

## A DISPENSATIONAL LOOK AT GOD'S ANOINTED

*"Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren:  
and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward."*

~ 1 Samuel 16:13

### 1. Anointed Religion

- a. Upon visiting most churches, you will see a vial vessel of anointing oil somewhere
- b. Afterall, Christ means 'Anointed', then Christians are 'anointed ones', so...
- c. Anointed priests, anointed messages, anointed singers, chairs, robes, remnant holy oil.
- d. Sick? Dying? (Extreme unction) Ordained to ministry? Got Spirit? Chrism Mass, anyone?
- e. It's time to revisit the anointing with the understanding of the mystery of Christ.

### 2. Function of the Unction

- a. A Bible definition: compare 1<sup>st</sup> mention in Gen 31:13 with Gen 28:16-19
- b. Anoint ~*def.* Pour upon with ointment (oil) for the purpose of making holy
- c. The best part of waking up: morning anointing - 2 Sam 12:20, Dan 10:3, Matt 6:17
- d. Anointed crackers for the priests – Exo 29:2
- e. Anointing with clay and the holy spittle for healing – John 9:6

### 3. Holiness, Health, and Anointing

- a. Anointing sanctifies, makes holy, prepares for ministry - Exo 40:9-15
- b. OT sick/infirm not allowed to do service, they weren't holy (complete/healed/whole)
- c. Anointing the sick was for blessing/health, but not anointing to priesthood.
- d. Anointing the sick considered a RCC sacrament, anoint the dying (*extreme* unction)
- e. James 5:14 is the sole NT basis for these church anointings
- f. Israel's kingdom could not have sick priests: all were healed – Mark 6:13, Acts 5:15-16
- g. Today, we are to reckon our flesh dead, crucified, and walk by faith not by sight.

### 4. Holy Service and Anointing

- a. Anointing sanctifies one to a divine calling, purpose, to do the will of God.
- b. Anointed priests, prophets, kings - Exo 30:30, Lev 21:10-12, 1 Kings 19:15-16
- c. "*Touch not God's anointed*" because God chose them for that service - Ps 105:15
- d. Only an anointed person would be able to do or say in the name of the Lord – Lev 10
- e. The Devil was anointed til God casts out as profane – Eze 28:13-16
- f. Lord Jesus Christ anointed to... Luke 4:18 – Holy One, Messiah, Anointed – Acts 10:38
- g. Contention over whose ministry they were called (anointing) – 1 Cor 1:12
- h. Our service to God is acc. to the mystery, a holy calling separate from Israel's prophecy

### 5. Holy Spirit and Anointing

- a. "fresh anointing" used by the Charismatic to call down the Holy Spirit
- b. Anointing followed by the Spirit of God - 1 Sam 10:1, 5-6, 16:12-14
- c. 12 apostles anointed with the NT Holy Ghost – 1 John 2:20, 2:27
- d. The Spirit gives them supernatural abilities - Heb 8:11, Jer 31:34, Luke 12:11-12
- e. We receive the Spirit who dwells in us as the temple of God – 1 Cor 3:16-17

## 6. Our Anointing in Christ

- a. OT anointing = few; NT anointing = a nation; BoC anointing = all who will be saved
  - i. Sick separated from service; but now all sinners can be complete – Col 2:10
  - ii. Anointing with oil sanctified them, we are sanctified in Christ – 1 Cor 1:30
  - iii. Their service as anointed priests, prophets, kings in an earthly kingdom.
  - iv. Our service as anointed body members of the Anointed one in heaven.
- b. Paul uses 'anointing' once to describe what God has done for us in Christ - 2 Cor 1:21
  - i. They were anointed by priests and oil, but we are anointed by God.
  - ii. Whereas Israel was anointed in a covenant, we are anointed in Christ.
  - iii. The Spirit poured upon them; the Spirit indwells and seals us – Eph 1:13
- c. Their new covenant anoints them, we are made holy in the new man – Eph 4:24
  - i. We are justified by faith... without works.
  - ii. We receive salvation in Christ ... without Israel.
  - iii. We are complete in Christ... without covenants.
  - iv. We are baptized into Christ ... without water.
  - v. We are given the Spirit and a holy calling ... without oil.